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To whom it may concern about the Space X approval process:
I do believe that in the advancement of technology and the nation as a whole, the requested updates should be approved. I firmly that the governing body (FAA) is stepping beyond their area of responsibility in even questioning the necessity for their approval. I believe that the FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTATION, by its very name and charter is in the business of dealing with aviation and aviation related safety issues. Should we change its name to the FEDERAL SPACE AND AVIATION ADMINISTRATION. Since when does the environment, land use, etc. issues come under the topic of AVIATION. Stick to what the agency was created to do, Aviation PERIOD. Yes I firmly believe that the FAA should be involved when the flight safety of aviation, both civilian and military is involved, no argument. But aren't there enough other government entities to deal with, on the other issues.
Case in point. Was the FAA required to approve other launch type facilities, specifically Cape Canaveral, Vandenberg Launch site and several others before they were approved for use. Yes, I agree that they are both military installations and came into existence under DOD authority, but the same issues of environmental and land use issues existed, were they put thru the same exhaustive process and public scrutiny that Space X is being required in undergo at this time when they were created.
Inclosing. A Little humor and common sense. Would the Wright brothers have had to ask for permission to make their first flight at Kitty Hawk in todays environment.
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